

TYPE OF INFORMATION: Clinical Practice Change

INTENDED AUDIENCE: Physicians, Nurses, Pharmacists

<b>Situation</b>  <b>S</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The FDA recently updated the emergency use authorization (EUA) for the COVID monoclonal antibody combination casirivimab + imdevimab (REGEN-COV).</li> </ul>
<b>Background</b>  <b>B</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The EUA for REGEN-COV was expanded to allow use for post-exposure prophylaxis against COVID-19 in individuals who are at least 12 years of age, weigh at least 40 kg, are at high risk for progression to severe COVID-19 disease, and are:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>not fully vaccinated or who are not expected to mount an adequate immune response to complete SARS-CoV-2 vaccination (for example, individuals with immunocompromising conditions including those taking immunosuppressive medications) <b>and</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have been exposed to an individual infected with SARS-CoV-2 consistent with close contact criteria per CDC <b>or</b></li> <li>who are at high risk of exposure to an individual infected with SARS-CoV-2 because of occurrence of SARS-CoV-2 infection in other individuals in the same institutional setting (for example, nursing homes, prisons)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>Criteria for designating a patient as high risk for progression to severe COVID-19 are the same as those used for treatment of COVID-19 with REGEN-COV.</li> </ul>
<b>Assessment</b>  <b>A</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The dose and administration for prophylaxis is the same dose currently used for treatment of COVID-19: casirivimab/imdevimab 600mg/600mg over 20 minutes.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patients must be observed for at least 60 minutes post-infusion for any symptoms of hypersensitivity reaction.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Epic orders for REGEN-COV will now ask prescribers to indicate whether REGEN-COV is being used for treatment or prophylaxis and then attest that the patient meets criteria.</li> <li>The patient/family/caregiver fact sheet must be provided prior to the infusion. The link has been updated in Epic.</li> <li>The same sites (ED and infusion clinics on a hospital campus) that are currently administering REGEN-COV for treatment may now also give REGEN-COV for prophylaxis if they have the capacity to do so. No additional sites will be added at this time.</li> <li>The EUA also authorizes the use of REGEN-COV given as four subcutaneous injections. AAH will not be offering that option for either treatment or prophylaxis at this time. IV infusion is the preferred method per the EUA.</li> </ul>
<b>Recommendation</b>  <b>R</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Effective immediately, AAH will offer REGEN-COV IV infusions for the indication of post-exposure prophylaxis against COVID-19 as defined above.</li> <li>The dose for prophylaxis is casirivimab/imdevimab 600mg/600mg.</li> <li>Epic orders have been updated to add prophylaxis as an indication for prescribers.</li> </ul>
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